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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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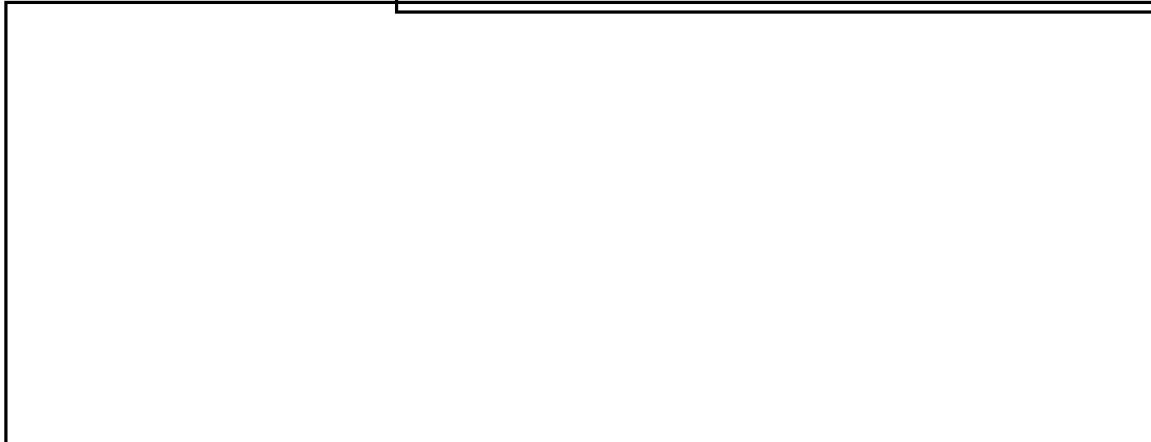


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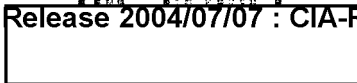
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6. You may be assured that the military intelligence services are working cooperatively with the CIA and within the Intelligence Advisory Committee in respect of problems in this area. We consider the Intelligence Advisory Committee an open and available forum for the raising of problems such as collection deficiencies. If you wish, I will lay the subject paper before the IAC for their comment.

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